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BOARD OF MANAGERS.

ADVENT AND EPIPHANY APPEAL.

THE Board of Managers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, in entering upon the work recently confided to them by the General Convention, would earnestly and affectionately ask the consideration of their Fathers and Brethren in the Church, to the following Statement.

They are greatly encouraged by the evidences which they constantly find of revived interest in the Missionary work of the Church both at home and abroad, but they are still oppressed by the inadequate sense of personal responsibility in regard to it which so extensively prevails. They claim for this work that it appeals most powerfully to the highest motives by which we can be influenced. It appeals to our judgment, for it proposes the accomplishing of worthy objects by wise means ; to our benevolence, for it seeks to promote the happiness of man in this life and to prepare him for the life to come ; to our enthusiasm, for it calls to labor and sacrifice for the noblest ends ; to our patriotism, for it aims to strengthen the safeguards of our country's stability and honor ; to our philanthropy, for it embraces, in its principle of operation, the whole world ; and to our love for the SAVIOUR, for it seeks to gather into the safety of His Fold the outcast and the lost.

It is a work also which, so far from making unreasonable demands upon the Church, proposes but a very small proportion of that effort for the salvation of the world which might well be expected of those who owe their own salvation to the Blood of CHRIST. All our Missionary operations, both in the Domestic and the Foreign fields, could be most effectively carried on and largely increased without the exercise of even the slightest self-denial on the part of the members of the Church. It is sad indeed, then, to think of the urgent calls which come to us from fields full of promise in our own and in heathen lands, to which we cannot respond ; of earnest and devoted men and women anxious to go to these fields, whom it is impossible to send. We have a right to ask, in our MASTER's Name, that these fields be occupied and these laborers sent out ; and that the members of His Church will give, not only of that which they can easily spare, but to the measure of self-denial and sacrifice for His cause,

Committees acting as a Committee of Conference, to which the following Resolution was appended :

Resolved, That this Meeting of Conference recommend to the Board of Managers the consolidation of THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN SOLDIER and THE CARRIER DOVE.

On Motion of the Rev. Dr. Twing, it was

Resolved, That the recommendation of the two Committees acting as a Committee of Conference, relating to the consolidation of THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN SOLDIER and THE CARRIER DOVE, be approved from and after January 1, 1878.

Resolved, That all matters of detail connected with the said consolidation be left with the Secretaries of the two Committees.

On Motion of the Rev. Dr. Twing, it was

Resolved, That the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, as now constituted, be recognized by this Board, and continued.

On Motion of the Rev. Mr. Kimber, a recommendation in the Report of the Foreign Committee—the Domestic Committee concurring—was approved, and the Resolution adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the former action of this Board be so far modified as to request the Bishops to ask the members of the House of Deputies and the nominated members of the Board of Missions to act together as Special Committees in their respective Dioceses, to forward the work of Missions.

The Board adopted by Resolution the Schedules of Missionary Appropriations for 1878 as reported by the Committee for Domestic Missions and the Committee for Foreign Missions.

It having been stated that an Appeal had been prepared by each of the two Committees, upon Motion of the Rev. Dr. Reese, it was

Resolved, That a Committee to consist of the Chairman and Secretaries of the General Committees, and the Rev. Drs. Dyer, Potter and Smith, be appointed to prepare a paper to be sent out to the Church as an Appeal from this Board in behalf of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

After Prayer and Benediction the Board adjourned.

A. T. TWING, *Secretary*.